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METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ENHANCING THERMAL STABILITY,

IMPROVING BIASING AND REDUCING DAMAGE FROM ELECTROSTATIC

DISCHARGE IN SELF-PINNED ABUTTED JUNCTION HEADS HAVING SELF-PINNED LAYER EXTENDING UNDER THE HARD BIAS LAYERS

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## **STATUS INQUIRY**

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Dear Sir:

Kindly advise the undersigned of the present status of this application, and please indicate when a communication from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office may be expected.

Respectfully submitted,

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